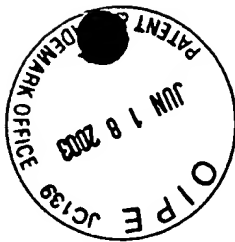


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT¹

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, which is being filed concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE), is in response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2002 (Paper No. 8), in connection with which a timely Notice of Appeal was filed on November 14, 2002 and received in the Patent Office on November 20, 2002, the period for response having been extended five additional months from January 20, 2003 to June 20, 2003 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the application as follows.

^{1/} This amendment is submitted under the guidelines of the revised format announced at 1267 Official Gazette, entitled "Amendments In Revised Format Now Permitted."